

REMARKS

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Cariaso for allowing claims 2-7, 9-11, 15-17, and 20-21 in this application, and indicating the allowability of claims 18 and 19. In the final Office Action issued in this case, Examiner Cariaso rejected claim 12, as amended. In a subsequent telephone interview, the undersigned attorney discussed claim 12 with the examiner, as indicated in the examiner's summary of the interview made of record in this case. Having reviewed the examiner's summary, the undersigned states that it sets forth an accurate summary of the interview, as it reflects discussion of claim 12, the Evans reference, particular possible amendments, and the examiner's position on them.

While the examiner's basis for rejecting claim 12 is not conceded, in an effort to move this case to issue more quickly claim 12 has been amended as indicated above. Claim 12 now reads as it did when initially allowed in this case. Accordingly, claim 12 as it currently stands is not narrower than when initially presented and when originally allowed.

New claim 22 is being offered at this time, and is dependent from allowable claim 12. Claim 22 refers to the positioning discussed in the telephone interview with Examiner Cariaso, and is believed to be allowable on its own merit as well due to its dependence from allowable claim 12.

Applicants do not concede any of the allegations of unpatentability made in the Office Action, on procedural and/or substantive grounds. Applicants reserve the right to offer claims rejected in the pending or prior Office Actions in this or continuing applications. Moreover, there may be other possible grounds for contesting the final Office Action. The arguments and amendments presented herein are deemed to be an efficient way to reach full allowance of this application.

In conclusion, Examiner Cariaso is respectfully requested to enter the above amendments, which place all claims in allowable condition, and to issue a Notice of Allowance for this case. If any further issues exist, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned counsel to address them.

Respectfully submitted,

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